## FCIRCULAR STAIRCASE

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Gertrude lifted her head at last and stared across the table at Halsey.

"Why did he do it?" she wailed. This possible. I gave as took charge of the seemed to see the seems that last and drive, Mr. Jamieson emerged from the shadow of the trees.

"Good evening." he said, managing to include Gertrude in his bow. Gertrude seems to see the seems to me. I seem to see the seems to me. I seem to see the seems to seems to seem to fall this believe me. I thought, the was the wrong way. He same back. Isn't that the act of an innocent man?"

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"Gertrude." Halsey broke in sharp-ly. She dropped beside the table and, burying her face in her arms, broke into a storm of tears.

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a an interior town to been responded to m Doctor Walker, to who was traveling a family saying that was very ill and un-

wrecking it; Paul Armstrong lay very ill in California, and his only son had been murdered two days before. I sat dazed and bewildered. The children's money was gone; that was bad enough, though I had plenty, if they would let me share. But Gertrude's grief was beyond any power of mine to comfort; the man she had chosen stood accused of a colossal embezzlement—and even worse. For in the instant that I sat worse. For in the instant that I sat there I seemed to see the coils closing around John Bailey as the murderer

man would run away from here at three o'clock in the morning? Doesn't it look rather as though he thought it impossible to escape?' Gertrude rose angrily "You are not even just?' she flamed. "You don't know anything about it, and you condemn him!" "I know that we have all lost a

loan in another bank, It would be possible to realize eighty per cent of their face value.

"In cash?"

day, and when Halsey was called to the telephone, I ceased all pretense at eating. When he came back from the telephone his face showed that something had occurred. He waited, however, had occurred. He waited, however, until Thomas left the dining-room; then

he told us.
"Paul Armstrong is dead," he announced gravely. "He died this mornnounced gravely. "He died ing in California. Whate he is beyond the law now." Whatever he did,

Gertrude turned pale. 'And the only man who could have cleared Jack can never do it!" she

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Halsey threw his cigarette away and turned on me.

"There you go!" he exclaimed. "If he was the true thief, he could return the money of course. If he is innocent, he probably hasn't a tenth of that amount in the world. In his hands! That's like a woman."

Gertrude, who had been pale and dear the pale and dear the had called up three.

spairing during the early part of the conversation, had flushed an indignant red. She got up and drew herself to her slender height, looking down at me with the scorn of the young and posi-

"You are the only mother I ever had," m of the books. The she said tensely. 'I have given you are oftened for business on all I would have given my mother, had she lived—my love, my trust. And now, when I need you most, you fail me. I tell you, John Bailey is a good man, an honest man. If you say he

moss bond, some time she put out one groping hand.

'Aunt Ray'' she whispered. In a moment I was on my knees beside her, her check

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ed any further mention of the murder. To Halsey, as to me, there was ever present, I am sure, the thought of our

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"I know that we have all lost a great deal of money," I said. "I shall believe Mr. Bailey innocent the moment he is shown to be. You profess to know the truth, but you can not tell me! What am I to think?'

Halsey leaned over and patted my find nothing but a deep sympachy where it she had only come to me with the whole truth then! "Miss Innes," Mr. Jamieson was saying, "in the last three days, have you seen n—any suspicious figures around the grounds? Any—woman?' "No." I replied. "I have a house-ful of maids that will bear watching one and all. But there have been no strange women near the house or Liddy would have seen them, you may be sure. She has a telescopic eye." She has a telescopic eye. Jamieson was thoughful

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"You must take us on faith," he said. "Jack Bailey hasn't a penny that doesn't belong to him; the guilty man will be known in a day or so."

"I shall believe that when it is proved," I said grimly. "In the meantime, I take no one on faith. The Inneses never do."

Gertrude who had been steading. Inneses never do."

Gertrude, who had been standing aloof at a window, turned suddenly. "But when the bonds are offered for sale, Halsey, won't the thief be detected at once?"

Halsey turned a superior smile.

"It wouldn't be done that way," he said. "They would be taken out of the vault by some one who had access to it, and used as collateral for a loan in another bank. It would be blooked in the crime. And half of them will stretch a point or two as to facts, to be obliging. But the man who drives the hack down there tells a story that may possibly prove to be important."

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"I have heard it, I think. Was it the one the parlor maid brought up yesterday, about the ghost wringing its hands on the roof? Or perhaps, it's the one the milk-boy heard: a tramp washing a dirty shirt, presumably bloody, in the creek below the bridge?" I could see the gleam of Mr. Jamieson's teeth, as he smiled.

"Neither," he said "But Matthew Geist, which is our friend's name, claims that on Saturday night, at nine-

"In cash." "But the man who did it—he wound is the heading, then she known" "Yes, I tell you both, as sure as I stand here. I believe that Paul Arm strong looted his own bank. I believe he has a million at least, as the result, and that he will never come back. I'm worse than a pauper now. I can't ask Louise to share nothing a year thirty, a veiled may thirty, a veiled may "I knew it would be a veiled may "A veiled may thirty, a veiled may "A veiled may "A veiled may "A veiled may "A veiled may "I broke in.

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"None," I said decidedly.
"Geist thought it might be a maid,
as you got a supply that day. But he
said her greeting out near the gate
puzzled him. Anyhow, we have now
one veiled lady, who, with the ghostly
intruder of Friday night, makes two ssets that I hardly know what to do

"It is mystifying." I admitted, "al-though I can think of one possible ex-planation. The path from the Green-wood Club to the village enters the road near the lodge who wished to reach the Country Club unperceived, might choose such a meth

I think this gave him something t ponder, for in a short time he said good night and left. But I myself was far from satisfied. I was determined nowever, on one thing. If my suspic-ions—for I had suspicious—were true I was determined, I would make my own investigations, and Mr. Jamieson should learn only what was good for him to know. We went back to the house,

Gertrude, who was more like herself since her talk with Halsey, sat down at the mahegany desk in the living-room to write a letter. Halsey prowled up and down the entire east wing, now in the card-room, now in the billiard room, and now and then blowing his clouds of tobacco smoke among the pink and gold hangings of the draw-ing-room. After a little I joined him in the billiard room, and together we went over the details of the discov-

ery of the body. The card-room was Where we sat, in the billiard-room, only one of the side brackets was lighted, and we spoke in subdued tones, as the hour and the subject seemed to demand. When I spoke of the figure demand. When I spoke of the figure Liddy and I had seen on the porch through the card-room window Friday night, Halsey sauntered into the dark-ened room, and together we stood there, much as Liddy and I had done the other night.

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The swish of a body against the surving rail, as if for guidance, was plain enough, and now whoever it was had reached the foot of the staircase and had caught a glimpse of our rigid allouettes against the billiard room

and had calculated against the billiard room doorway. Halsey threw me off then and strode forward.

"Who is it?" he called imperiously, and took a half-dozen rapid strides toward the foot of the staircase. Then

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bath; makes every pore respond, re-moves dead skin.

I heard him mutter something; there was a crash of a falling body, the slam was a crash of a falling body, the slam of the outer door, and, for an instant, quiet. I screamed, I think. Then I remember turning on the lights and finding Halsey, white with fury, trying finding Halsey, white with fury, trying to untangle himself from something to untangle himself from something was a crash of a falling body, the slam with the flung the white object at me, and, jerking open the outer door, and, for an instant, quiet. I screamed, I think. Then I remember turning on the lights and finding Halsey, white with fury, trying to untangle himself from something cach other over—of all things on earth—a white silk and wool blanket, head a little on the lowest step of exquisitely fine! It was the most un-

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# Advance Showing

# of New Fall Styles

#### Tailored Suits for Fall

In the suit department we are showing an advance display of the new Fall Styles in women's and misses' tailored suits, embodying all the fashionable style tendencies of the coming season. The suits are below-the-knee fitted coat models with panel pleated and French skirt.s The colorings are the fashionable shades predominating in the new vogue and the materials are the distinctively mannish weaves—Herringbone, hopsacking, worsteds, English tweeds, diagonals, serges and camels hair cloths-See them in our suit windows-Prices range from \$25.00

#### Fall Millinery

In the Millinery Department we exhibit some of the advance creations for early Fall wearing-conceptions that are the forerunner of the coming season's Millinery vogue. There are enough of the new styles here to show the trend of Millinery fashions—See them in our Millinery window.

### August Sales--Ready-to-Wear

#### Summer Dresses

Monday we place on the bargain tables one selected assortment of women's summer dresses-some are the daintily trimmed lingerie Princess styles in white and colors, trimmed elaborately with laces and insertion-others are the new French Dresses made neatly plain and modishly piped in contrast, designed with the French flounce, made of pink, tan and blue chambray—values worth up to \$20.00 in the lot; 6.95 special for clearance ......

#### August Sales-Women's Linen and Repp Two and Three-Piece Tailored Suits, \$6.75

Another ready-to-wear sensation-one entire assortment of women's linen and repp tailored suits in two and three-piece styles, some modishly plain tailored-others finished with heavy insertion trimmings. The colorings in the lot are blue, tan, green, lavender, and pink—worth up to \$6.75

#### Taffeta and Messaline Waists, \$5.75 to \$12.50

We feature these new taffeta and Messaline waists for special August selling-designed in the modish tailored styles, long sleeves, high collar, trimmed with braids and buttons. Waists that are the advance modes for early fall wear. Street, dress and evening shades. 

#### Infants' Long and Short Dresses and Petticoats, 1/2 Price

In the infant department Monday and week we feature a special sale of infants' long and short dresses and petticoats. Made of cambric and nainsook and trimmed with laces, insertion and dainty embroidery-worth 50c to \$15.00-sale, the garment. ONE-HALF PRICE.

#### August Sales—Linen Tailored Waists, \$2.75

These new tailored linen waists will appeal to every well dressed woman-they are designed in the modish, mannish styles with wide pleated fronts and large pearl button trimmings-laun-

#### August Sales -- 25c Hair Nets, 15c

It's a new shipment that we feature for special August selling-well made, strong and serviceable nets in brown, grey, black, and blonde-bought to sell at 25c each—sale .....

#### Cut Rate Toilet Articles

Sc Armour's Violet soap ....3c 25c Hilbert's toilet water ... 19c \$1.00 Hilbert's toilet water...73c 25c Listerine, special ......19c 25c fine white vaseline.....19c Carbolated vaseline, special ... 10c 35c Vero-foam soap, excellent.23c Special, 25e tooth brushes...19e Ladies' fine chamois ......8c La Blache face powder.....35c Auditorium bath soap ......10e 4711 Violet glycerine soap....14c Salt Lake Souvenir Post Cards dozen ..... 10e

#### August Sales--Fine Corset Cover Embroidery, 18 Inches Wide, Worth \$1.00 and \$1.50 Yard, Sale . . 63c

Monday we place on sale for a special August sales feature one entire new shipment of corset cover embroidery—embroidery that our buyer bought especially for this event-Choice Swiss and nainsook 18-in. corset cover embroidery in 38 beautiful patterns—some daintily edged; others claborate—a splendid selection—Worth \$1.00 and \$1.50— Monday sale, the yard.....

#### August Sales--Porch Shades, Rugs, Cushions, etc. Tremendous Season-End Clearance

In the Rug and Drapery department we feature a tremendous season-end clearance of porch rugs, shades, cushions, covered floss pillows and shirt-waist and utility boxes-We haven't space to itemize in detail-These powerful price reductions will tell the story best.

#### Tusculum Porch Shades

\$3.00 Tusculum shades—size 4 ft. by 8 ft.—sale........\$1.85 \$7.00 Tusculum shades-size 8 ft. by 8 ft.-sale ......\$4.85 \$9.00 Tusculum shades—size 10 ft. by 8 ft.—sale...... \$6,50

#### Shirt Waist and Utility Boxes A tremendous sacrifice to force a sweeping clearance—a

great variety of colorings in rich floral and oriental effectsboxes are featured in choice of sizes-here's what you save-\$2.25 Utility and Waist Boxes......\$1.15 \$3.00 Utility and Waist Boxes.....\$1.50 \$3.75 Utility and Waist Boxes......\$1.90 \$4.50 Utility and Waist Boxes.....\$2.25

#### Crex Porch Rugs

\$8.75 Crex Rugs, size 8 ft. by 10 ft., sale......\$4.75 \$6,00 Crex Rugs, size 6 ft. by 9 ft., sale......\$3.25 \$2.00 Crex Rugs, size 36 in. by 72 in., sale......\$1.25 \$1.00 Crex Rugs, size 27 in. by 54 in., sale.................60e

#### Jap Porch Cushions

50e Cushions—sale ......25e 90c Cashions—sale ......45c Colonial Rag Rugs-a choice

#### Silk Floss Pillows

Cretonne Covered \$1.25 Floss Pillows......63e selection of colorings-want- \$1.00 Floss Pillows......50c ed sizes-sale. \$1.50 to \$2.00 | 85c Floss Pillows ......43c